



# Washington State Department of Agriculture Training Class Notice

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## **Pesticide licensing classes offered in Spanish at Rochester High School**

OLYMPIA – The state Department of Agriculture (WSDA) and Washington State University (WSU) Cooperative Extension are offering five-day classes in Spanish May 12 – 16 for Hispanic workers who want to obtain or renew a pesticide applicator license. Both classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Rochester High School, 19800 Carper Road in Rochester. To register, call Don Tapio, WSU, at (360) 482-2934 or send email to [tapiod@wsu.edu](mailto:tapiod@wsu.edu).

**The Pre-license Training** is designed for individuals who wish to take the exam required to obtain a commercial pesticide applicator, commercial pesticide operator, or private applicator license. The class is free, but there is a \$25 fee to take the private applicator exam and a \$50 fee for the commercial applicator exam.

Jorge Lobos, a bilingual agricultural chemical specialist from WSDA's Yakima office, will lead the class, which provides workers with the information they need to apply pesticides in a safe and environmentally sound manner. Individuals who complete the training and want to become licensed can take the exam on the last day of class.

“Class participants should be able to successfully complete the exam May 16,” said Paul Figueroa, a pesticide specialist at WSDA. The class will benefit workers who apply pesticides in the forestry, nursery, Christmas tree, landscape, nursery, and other agricultural industries, as well as those who do roadside maintenance or work in industrial areas.

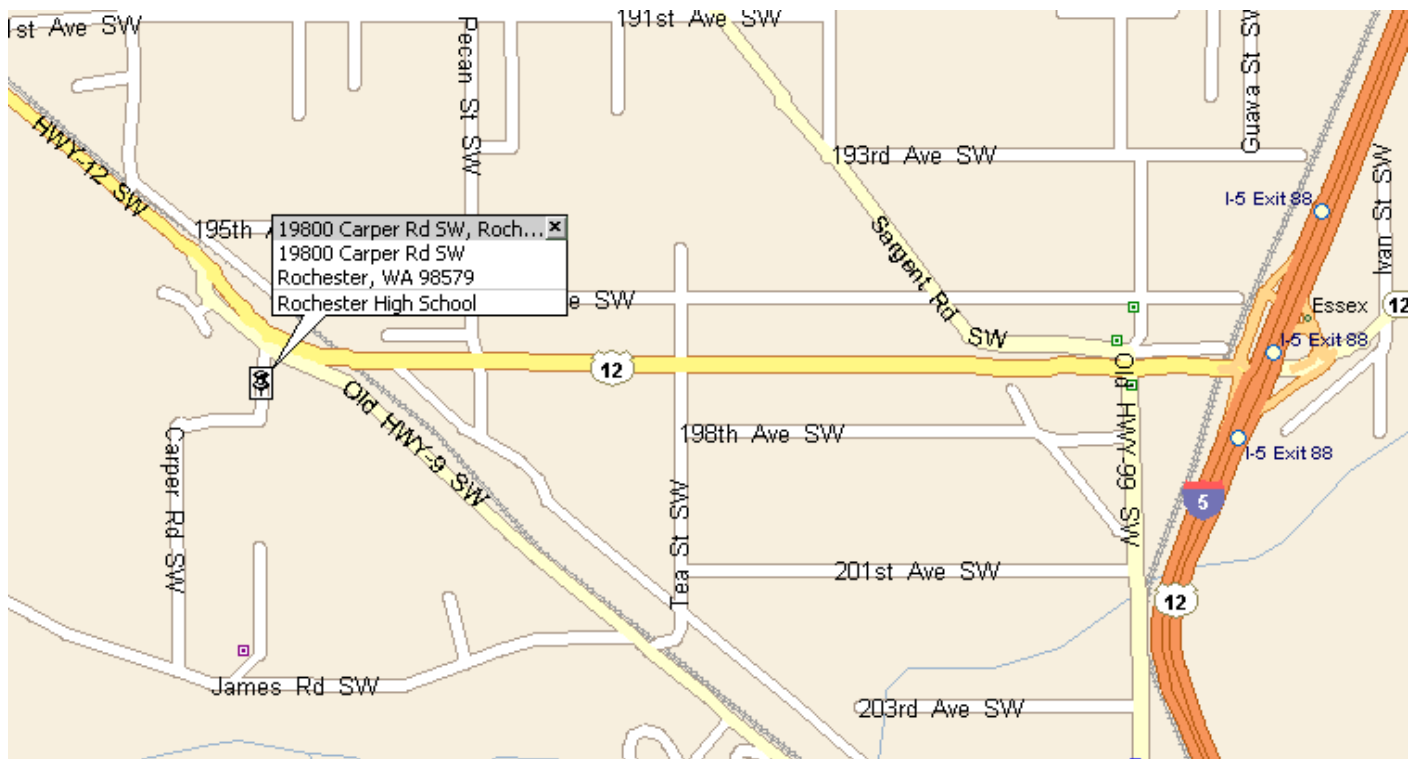
Class participants may purchase a “Private Applicator Pesticide Education Manual” on the first day of class for \$10. “Virtually all questions on the test are covered in the manual,” Tapio said. The manual can also be purchased by phone for \$9 plus shipping and tax. Call WSU's bulletin office at (800) 723-1763. Ask for manual MISC 0126S.

**The Recertification Class** will provide training in Spanish for weed identification, safety equipment, spray drift, and laws and rules for safe pesticide use. This training is provided at no cost and attendees will be given up to 3 re-certification credits for each evening session.

**Directions:** From I-5 take Exit 88 and go east on Highway 12 about 1.8 miles to Carper Road. Go south on Carper Rd. to Rochester High School.

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Map Source Microsoft Streets and Trips 2003.



**Directions: Rochester High School**